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NSF 31056 PROJECT QUALITY

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM PIRKMAJER'S OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO ELEX INDICATING HE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 19.

2. THEREFORE, ECON/COM COUNSELOR ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH RELJIC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT FAISECTC AND RAISED QEE PROJECT WITH HIM, REQUESTING THAT HE SIGN GRANT SOONEST.

3. RELJIC EXPLAINED THAT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES ANXIOUS TO HAVE PROGRAM PROCEED, BUT THAT UNDER NEW DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM FAISECTC CANNOT COMPEL, BUT CAN ONLY PERSUADE, REPUBLICAN UNITS TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS. BECAUSE OF SIZE OF PROJECT AND OF CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR IT. REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS WANTED DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF HOW MONEY TO BE SPENT. DR. KRANJC HAD NOT YET SUPPLIED ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION. HOWEVER, RELJIC CONFIDENT THAT ALL REMAINING PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED AT MEETING OF PROJECT COUNCIL IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

4. WE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE GLAD TO HAVE SUCH REASSURANCES,
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THEY WERE NOT DISSSIMILAR TO ONES ALREADY GIVEN AND PROBLEM OF

KEEPING PROJECT ALIVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER MEETING WAS REAL ONE. WE
URGED RELJIC TO UNBLOCK CARRY-OVER FUNDS FROM 1973 (KRANJC
HAD TOLD US BY TELEPHONE THESE FUNDS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO
ALLOW PROJECT TO CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER). RELJIC TOLD US
HE WOULD ENDEAVOR DO SO, BUT SAID THAT HE COULD NOT
PROMISE US HE WOULD SUCCEED, SINCE THIS WOULD INVOLVE CONTACTING
MEMBERS OF PROJECT COUNCIL WHO MIGHT BE OUT OF TOUCH BECAUSE OF
HOLIDAYS. HE DID SAY THAT HE WAS
SURE THAT WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO KEEP PROJECT ALIVE UNTIL
FULL GRANT COULD BE SIGNED.

5. WE WILL ADVISE SOONEST OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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